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Camrose Lutheran College — A Year of Jubilee

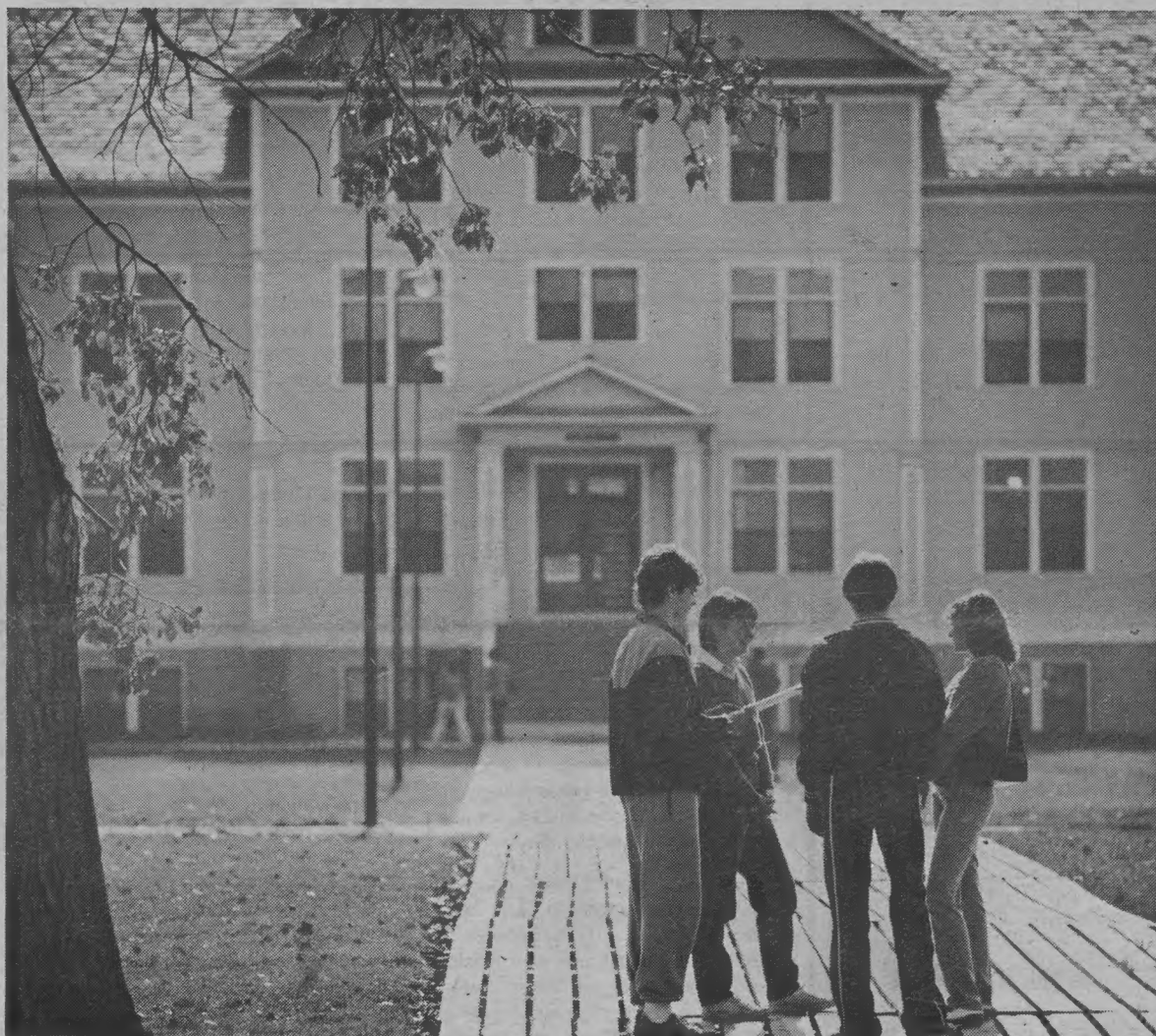
The year was 1910. Early summer - near the end of June. Always lots to be done in rural central Alberta. Land to be cleared. Barns to be built. Houses to make improvements on. Fences to construct. Not much time for meetings - except on Sundays for church. That was a special day! A time to be together as families and neighbours. A time to worship, to visit, to meet new folks who had come to settle this land and make it "home". Home - Norway was home. Then the mid-western United States - Iowa, Minnesota, South and North Dakota. Now it was places with strange names - Bawlf and Wetaskiwin and Tofield and Camrose.

A meeting was called - June 29, 1910 - with representatives from local congregations, with Mr. John P. Tanberg of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church, to consider building a Lutheran School in Alberta. The members of the Hauge Synod were also thinking about a school for their children.

A further meeting was scheduled for August 9-10, in Camrose and the two groups were invited to pool their thoughts and resources and begin planning for a school. Out of this "mid-summer dream" came the Alberta Norwegian Lutheran College Association - and Camrose Lutheran College was born!

Construction of the College building - Old Main - began in the Spring of 1911. The cornerstone was set in place on July 1 of that year, and 75 years later to the day, on July 1, 1986 - "Canada Day" - the Honourable Ken Rostad, Solicitor General for the Province of Alberta, affixed a medallion to Old Main (now called Founders' Hall), declaring it to be an historical resource site for Alberta.

Classes began at Camrose Lutheran College in the fall (October) of 1911, not yet on the campus but in rented facilities in downtown Camrose. It was on October 21, 1912 that students entered Old Main for the first time, and it was dedicated



Students visiting in front of Founders' Hall, the original college building constructed in 1911. Photo by Lyseng Studio.

to the cause of Christian education in Western Canada in June of 1913.

Begun as a high school, the College also offered secretarial and business courses, as well as a "Normal" entrance course (teacher training program). "Newcomers programs" were held for those who had recently come to Alberta from Scandinavia (primarily from Norway), and special training courses for pastors and missionaries were also carried out.

Dr. Chester Ronning (1894-1984), noted statesman, diplomat and ambassador to China and Norway, was both a student at Camrose Lutheran College in its founding year and its President from 1926-1942. Dr. Ronning loved to tell many intriguing stories about the "early days" at the College, especially incidents in the lives of students living in Old Main. Under Ronning's leadership the College became known for its music program - choir, chorus and band.

It was also while Chester Ronning was President at Camrose that mention was made of the College adding "Junior College" courses, and in more than one location. First-year university classes were finally begun in 1959, with six instructors and nine students. In 1969 the second-year university program in several areas was brought into being. Eventually, Grade 10 and 11 High School instruction was phased out and concentration focused on the developing university program. The Grade 12 High School year has been retained and is an accelerated program accommodating about 80 students each year.

Planning was begun to allow the College to offer its own degrees, and on June 28, 1985, the very day of the 75th Anniversary Founders' Banquet, the Minister of Advanced Education for the Government of Alberta announced that Camrose Lutheran College was now able to offer three and four-

year baccalaureate degrees in Arts and Science. In May of 1986 twenty-three students received their Arts degree from Camrose Lutheran, and about 60 students are enrolled in the

degree program for this fall. A total of 750 students will be enrolled at Camrose for the 1986-87 academic year.

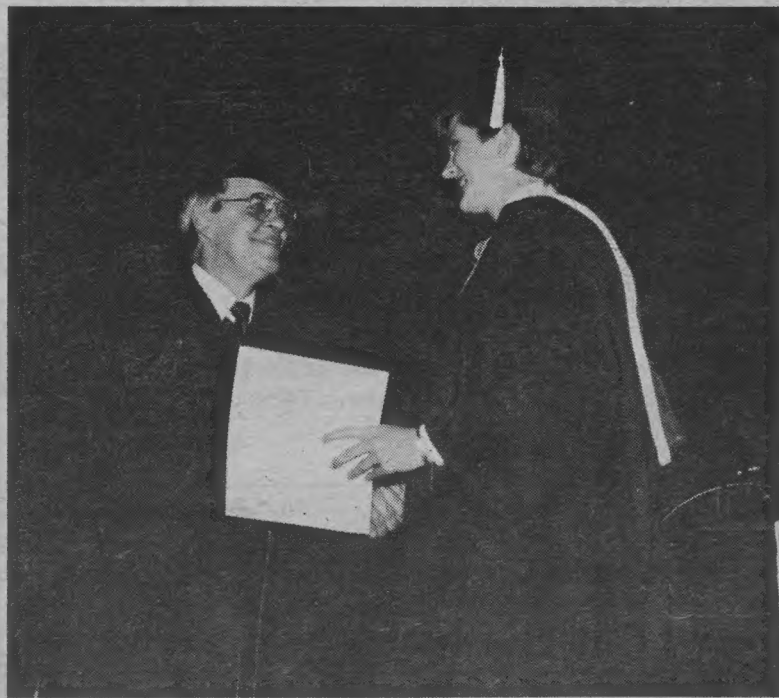
Indeed it has been a "Year of Jubilee" to remember. It began in the winter of 1985 with the construction of a half-scale replica of a Viking Long-ship, complete with the traditional dragon head and tail, and a 20' mast outfitted with a red and white striped sail. The little ship was part of several fairs, parades and heritage events in central Alberta last summer, and is now docked at the Marine Plaza at Expo '86 in Vancouver, B.C.

Other "jubilee year" events at the College have included a Heritage Day last September (3,000 people attended in spite of it being a rainy, windy day), a Concert by the "Trio of the North" from Oslo, Norway, (whose North American tour itinerary included Carnegie Hall in New York, a concert with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, and the concert at Camrose Lutheran College! The Camrose audience outnumbered the New York audience by 400 people.)

A Scandinavian Cultural Symposium brought well-known Nordic scholars to the campus from several places in Canada, the U.S. and Europe. It was

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Joy Hendrickson, a student in the first university degree program, receives her degree from College President, K. Glen Johnson.



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Solglyt Spotlight

By Bob Burt

The executive and first joint meeting of Solglyt 143 for the Fall, Winter and New Year of activity was held at McKay House, September 8th.

Astrid Hope is to be congratulated on winning first prize for the entry of her crocheted bed-spread at the International Convention at Philadelphia; she was formally presented with the Blue Ribbon by President Kris Nyhus, September 8th.

Lief Erickson Banquet and Dance will be held October 3rd at the Faculty Club, on the University Campus. A special evening is planned with a delicious banquet followed by dancing to an excellent orchestra; the price is \$35.00 per person.

Plans are progressing for the Lutfiske Supper which, this year, will be held at the Saxony Motor Inn, November 22nd. (Much help in planning and promoting this function is necessary to make it a fabulous affair again.)

Looking well ahead, the Social conveners are setting dates and planning for the Christmas Party at the Masonic Temple.

Ladies' Sewing Club started off their season with the first meeting at the home of Gladys Clark. The ladies will continue to further their own pet projects - working on Bunads, quilts, hardanger, knitting, crocheting and trading recipes.

A goodly number of members and their families attended EXPO this summer at Vancouver; a few were the Burts (Bob and Janette), as well as Ken and Delia, the Husers, the Broens, Sev and Rose Berge, Gary and Evelyn Johnson and family, the Sundby's, the Letendres (Al and Brenda), various Hafso's, the Andersons (Betty and Inge), Anny Marie and Asbjorn Woldmo, and the Domiers. There was such a mass exit to B.C. that we all got caught up in the mad rush. I think it was worth it.

Keith and Cheryn Lillevilden travelled to Toronto in August, where Keith is installing electrical fittings in the Parliament Building. The job is a temporary arrangement. Cheryn toured, shopped, visited and enjoyed her stay.

Peter and Janet Finstad enjoyed a motor-bike excursion in B.C. where Peter caught a 16½ lb. salmon. The balance of August was spent helping build a house for his father. Peter is home now resting on his laurels and looking for work. Good luck, Peter!

Don Sjolie took a westward trip covering Oregon, Washington and B.C.

Following the District 4 Convention at Fargo, July 25-28th, Sig and Selma Sorenson continued on to Orlando, Florida to attend the Round Table Convention for International Life Insurance Underwriters (July 29-August 7).

Roy and Dorothy Sunby visited Expo twice while vacationing and visiting in B.C. Roy has been very busy finalizing his brother's estate in Blind Bay, Vancouver Island.

The Dreyers attended a seminar at Toronto late in August on framing and equipment, and another in Red Deer on painting. Presently, Chris is renovating his garage into a workshop to set up framing equipment for his business.

Elsworth and Lois Halberg travelled by trailer, starting in late August, heading east on a 5-week tour as far as Newfoundland, Maine and New York. What a way to go!

The Burts (Janette and Bob) plan to follow in the Halberg's footsteps by car to Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Maine, Boston and Cape Cod, probably returning in mid-October.

Doug and Gail Peterson travelled West to visit Gail's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Struthers, in Prince George. While there, they fished at Chuchio Lake, North of St. James, and golfed in the Kootenay area.

Bea and Harry Huser motored west to visit relatives in the Kootenay with intentions of going further west.

Sev Berge was on a wide sweep golf tour, getting in his fair share.

Kris Nyhus and his wife, following both District and International Conventions, toured with Nordic America through Washington, Virginia and the old Colonial Districts of the United States.

Kare Hellum is back in Edmonton after completing another far eastern stint in Taiwan, Thailand and other points. He will have another interesting story to tell.

Knut and Rose Svidal spent June and July in New York with their son, Kevin, who is attending Parsons University to obtain a degree in Fine Arts, Design and Fashion. Kevin has attended for two years and will graduate in two more. Rose is busying herself tutoring elementary students.

The Anders and Inge Anderson families have entertained cousins from the Trondheim area of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Magnahild and Per Estnesstad spent a very busy summer taking in such points of interest as Jasper, Maligne Lake, Ice Fields, Banff and through the mountains. What a pleasant vacation!

The Burts entertained guests from Norway (Vesteralen, near Scotland). Cousins Otto and Solborg Johansen and their daughter, Connie, met their relatives at the B.C. coast, enjoyed EXPO, Vancouver Island, the Peace Arch, and were then driven to Devon through the mountains. The trio spent 3 weeks in the Edmonton area travelling and meeting relatives. This Norse group will

have many pleasant memories of Canada. Another Norwegian family is now more knowledgeable of the expanse of Canada.

Gary Johnson and Evelyn, after visiting EXPO, enjoyed a week's holiday in Jamaica, where Gary spent a happy 40th birthday (July 6). Then the family took a camping trip to the Badlands and Drumheller. They took in the New Tyrrell Museum, then Strathmore, Heritage Park and Calgary. To top off all this, Gary entered the 13 mile marathon at Spruce Grove, August 10th, and made a very good showing. No wonder Gary is so trim.

Emeth and Gladys Clark received word July 1st that Emeth's sister, Serena Berg of Weldon, Sask., had had a severe heart attack and passed away suddenly that day. Emeth, Gladys and Warren attended the funeral at Weldon along with family from as far away as Houston, Texas. The relatives from Texas accompanied the Clark's on their return to Edmonton and visited for a few days. They spent some time at West Edmonton Mall having heard so much about it.

The Clarks had a very busy summer with friends coming to visit from Regina, Calgary, Utah and Nevada - since they all came at the same time Emeth was kept busy taking them to West Edmonton Mall which they were really taken with. Since these visitors were also friends of Gladys' sister, Kae Gieg, there was a get-together one evening at Kae's home. It was thoroughly enjoyable, since in early years, many had attended the same school in Saskatchewan, and some hadn't seen one another for 40 years.

Heritage weekend was a really special one - Roy and Linda Swanberg and their son, Erik, called on Emeth and Gladys Clark, spent an afternoon and stayed for a chicken barbecue - they hadn't had a good visit together for a long time. Kalmar and Maisie Amdam from Barhead also spent a few days with Emeth and Gladys.

Luanne, second daughter of Louise and Stan Johnson, was married on September 6th to Curtis Currie of Edmonton. The wedding took place in a lovely country church at Falun, and a reception was held in the Ma-me-o Community Hall. The couple will reside in Edmonton.

NEW SONS OF NORWAY
LODGE IN LETHBRIDGE

Ross Anderson, Area Manager, is pleased to announce that the new lodge will be instituted on Saturday, November 8th, 1986 at the Sandman Inn.

In attendance will be guests from Federal, Provincial, Local and Norwegian Governments as well as the 4th District Board who will be holding their Board Meeting in conjunction with the institution. The 4th District includes Montana, North Dakota, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Ralph Thompson, Field Staff, hopes to have approximately 200 Charter members. We welcome this new link in our Fraternal chain!

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Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549

By Helen McEvoy

Again highly successful, Vasa Camp Week this year was held from July 20th to 27th inclusive and thoroughly enjoyed by campers and leaders alike.

Forty-five campers took part, six of these being our young helpers: Sherry Erickson from Calgary, Kerri Lynn Ungarian, Stephen Derpack, Craig Hummell, and Jessica Hughes of Spruce Grove, and Debbie Ponich of Edmonton were a tremendous help in every facet of the camp and were very popular with the younger campers.

We had a terrific line-up of cooks again, under the leadership of Alice Sorensen. They included Dolores Melin, Janet Gregory, Gail Sullivan, Evelyn Johnson, Colleen Fletcher, Liz Brodin, Fran Johnson, Dorothy Johnson, Fae Doty (who may never stuff and cook another turkey) and Ray Wold who is a past master at Swedish pancakes and, if you were to ask nicely, might even share his recipe for boiled wieners.

Also active in the kitchen, particularly around the sinks, were Della Markstrom and Harvey Eklund. Harvey seemed to be busy all of the time assisting in one area or another. Erling Winquist was once again a very popular outdoors counsellor, taking charge of the sports areas and other outdoor activities which included nature walks, a tree-planting session, the trek to Mulhurst, the Sports Day competitions, lots of storytelling, and all-round camp counsellor and lifeguard.

Helen McEvoy, in charge of handicrafts, had Virgie Fawcett and Audrey Modin as assistants this year. This group really appreciated the help of the 'young help'.

Gordon Johnson, who, with his wife Dorothy, was the organizer of Camp Week '86, began the week as the only cultural leader, but after a quick S.O.S. Ruth Bergquist and Gertie Duxbury arrived in camp to lend their very able assistance. With Willard Modin handling the music and Dorothy Johnson assisting with the singing, they taught Swedish language, singing and dancing. Ruth had brought her zither, which really added to the program. Among other things, the campers learned to do a mean schottische and the popular ox-dance.

Other faces seen around and about helping out were Greg Johnson as shopper and general errand-boy, Gladys McAuley helping out in the kitchen, and Evelyn Modin, along with Willard, giving a hand here and there. Thanks to Ron Eliasson for making sure the kitchen fan was installed, and to Don Samuelson for correcting the plumbing before camp got underway.

Thanks also to Bert Watson for fixing the kitchen door. Raul Nyroos and Irma McMaster were two unexpected and very welcome guests at Vasa Park and seemed to enjoy the activities - as we all did! See you again next year.

Ray and Doreen Nyroos spent the latter part of June to July 1st holidaying in Los Angeles for a week. In August the Nyroos family spent two weeks in Vancouver where the younger members of the family enjoyed Expo. While there they visited with Ray's brother, Raul, as well as with various friends. Ray also managed to get in a fair amount of golfing.

To round out the summer Ray and Doreen were honoured at an open house on the afternoon of August 23rd at the Club House in Vasa Park on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary. The event was arranged by their daughter, Christine, and by Doreen's sister, Carol Banks. Later in the evening Carol and Ken Banks had relatives and some friends in to complete the celebrations.

Miles and Dianne Knutson and young daughters, Anja and Stephanie, visited at Vasa Park during the latter part of July as part of a month-long holiday. Arriving from their home in Port Perry, Ontario, they were joined at the lake by Miles'

parents, Joan and Clarence, and by Terry and Tammy, Glen and Leslie, and Christine and Bob and all of their youngsters, making a total of seventeen family members - a real family reunion.

Tom Pearson was honoured on the occasion of his 50th birthday with a supper and dance at Vasa Park Club House on July 19th. The party, arranged by his wife, Connie, who was assisted by their girls, Suzanne, Julie, Colleen and Nadine, was attended by many relatives, friends and co-workers from around Alberta and B.C. While Oscar was unable to be there due to ill-health at the time, it was nice to see Winnie again, as well as Tom's sister, Rita, who, with her husband, Bob Brown, and three sons, Michael, Jeffrey and Nathan, stayed on at Pigeon Lake for a week's holidaying.

Also coming from some distance to join in the celebration were Bob's parents, Lloyd and Margaret Brown, as well as Bob's sister and family from California. On leaving to return to B.C., Bob and Rita were joined by Tom and Connie, who travelled to Kelowna to visit with relatives.

The long weekend of August 2nd, 3rd and 4th was a busy one. As well as being regular monthly meeting night, the Land Committee hosted a dance at Vasa Park. Various members were involved with Heritage Days in Edmonton at the Scandinavian Pavilion. Don Melin, with the help of his son Craig and a friend of Craig's worked at setting up on the Saturday, as well as packing up again on Monday.

Verna Larson and Gertie Duxbury worked both Sunday and Monday with the cultural exhibits, with help from Margaret Johansson; Sandra Petersson demonstrated how to make bobbin lace. Assisting in the refreshment booth were Doreen, Ray, Trevor and Kjell Nyroos, Elwood Johnson, Carol, Ken and Curtis Banks, Joan Petersson, Charlotte Samuelson, Ray and Jane Wold, Linnea Lodge, Kay Kerr, Leslie Morris, Vi Wat-

son, Lily French and Shirley Sykes.

Also on the August long weekend Ken and Helen McEvoy attended the 75th Anniversary Homecoming at Edson and enjoyed renewing friendships from many years past.

Taking advantage of the holiday to do some fishing up Cadomin way were Milton and Virgie Fawcett, Karen and Ron Runcer, and Keith Lindberg.

The Vasa Sisters' annual Pie Social on August 17th was very successful in spite of small numbers of people at Vasa Park that weekend. Thanks to all ladies who donated pies - the variety was tremendous. The raffle winners were:

No. 1 - Afghan made by Astrid Winquist - won by Faye Lund of Edmonton, the winning ticket sold by Jane Wold.

No. 2 - Cushions made by Ruth Bergquist - won by Alan Anderson of Los Angeles, the winning ticket sold by Evelyn Johnson at a family reunion down east earlier in the summer.

No. 3 - Large doily crocheted by Irma McMaster - won by Linda Klauskopf of Bon Accord, the winning ticket sold to her by her mother, Charlotte Samuelson.

Nels Sorensen spent a week in hospital in Grande Prairie in the early part of July being treated for blood-poisoning in his arms.

In July Violet Watson flew to St. John's, Newfoundland, to meet new grandson David Matthew, born on July 8th to Alyson and Harold Kunas. Bert calls him his 'Newfie Cowboy' and will have the opportunity of visiting more with him when Alyson and Harold move back to Calgary in September. The Kunas' will have spent a year and a half in St. John's - a beautiful part of Canada.

The Winquist clan attended the wedding of Tracy Heeks, daughter of Doreen and Eddie Heeks, to Scot Purdon on August 2nd. Jody and Todd Winquist were part of the bridal party.

Todd, son of Erling Winquist, and friend Marie-Jose, were here from Montreal, June and Glen Young, son Brian, son Wayne Wood, daughter Carol Moon and son Cole were guests from Prince George. Tracy and Scot will reside in Nashville, Tennessee, where Scot is attending college. A family bridal shower was held for Tracy on July 29th at the home of Leslie Morris.

Gail and Joe Sullivan and children, Jess and Cara, had a holiday in B.C. at the end of July, taking in Expo while they were there.

A large work force of volunteers turned out on August 30th to repair the roof and renew the shingles on the older part of the club-house at Vasa Park. Wielding hammers, hauling away the garbage, and generally making themselves useful were Milton Fawcett, Tom Pearson, Wayne Brodin, Craig, Trevor and Don Melin, Ron Runcer, Wayne Modin, Sid Johnson, Harry Sr. and Harry Jr. Hanson, Ken McEvoy, Ken Banks, Ray McAuley, Glenn Hallin, Gary Ferguson, Ray Nyroos and Elwood Johnson. A job well done - no more leaks! Even had Evelyn Modin up

on the ladder taking pictures for the history book. Lunch and refreshments were served to the crew by Dolores Melin, Debbie Ferguson, Virgie Fawcett and Helen McEvoy.

The annual Tennis Tournament at Vasa Park was held on the July long weekend. Murray Sund and Joe Sullivan managed to run off the tournament on the Sunday (after the rain stopped) and Monday, and although there weren't a record number of teams entered, the ones which did participate set a lively pace. Trevor Nyroos and partner Peter Hlashak emerged victorious over Bruce Samuelson and Don Pearson in the finals. On Saturday night Murray and Linda Sund and Joe and Gail Sullivan hosted a most enjoyable dance, with help from Glenn Hallin, Wayne and Audrey Modin and Don Samuelson.

Telford House in Leduc was the scene for a 75th birthday party on July 19th in honour of Elvin Wold. Attended by 100 to 120 family members and friends, the party danced to the music of the Western Swing Kids - a 35-year-

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old band composed of Arman, Victor and Raymond Wold and Jodie Lynn Gavel (Freeman). As well, Elvin joined with 'older' band members - Colin Gillies and brother-in-law Gunnar Hansen, to play some of the music. During an intermission Elvin and guests were entertained by granddaughters Liza, who played the piano, and Lindsay, who sang songs of Elvin's era - Tennessee Waltz and The Band Played On. Among her numbers Liza played a Swedish Waltz and Swagger's Waltz.

After hours of dancing, a tasty lunch was served by Anna.

Twelve hours later a Hanson reunion (Anna's family) was held in Breton. Anna's oldest sister, Essy, did not move to Canada with the rest of the family in 1928, instead staying in Sweden to marry and raise a family. The reunion was in honour of Essy's youngest daughter, Kristina and Olaf Pettersson and their daughter, Anna, who were visiting Canada for the first time. They are from Orsundsbro which is near Uppsala, Sweden.

After a pot-luck supper there was more dancing to Arman, Victor and Raymond. A picture-taking of all families both separate and combined was followed by more food! A very enjoyable event for a very big family.

Ivy and Andy Ogren attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Jody, to Kevin Dupre in Edmonton on July 12h. Jody is the eldest daughter of Roger and Joanne Ogren.

Martha and Bill Kay enjoyed a week's holiday in August. Leaving home on the

19th they motored to Kamloops, Banff, Calgary and Drumheller.

Harold and Minnie Markstrom, Cliff and Paula Lindberg, Ivy and Andy Ogren and Ogren's friends the Rivards, spent an enjoyable time at the Senior Games in Grande Prairie. Cliff took part in the curling event, and later, towards the end of August, drove to Drumheller for a short couple of days' sight-seeing.

Dez and Marvis Destautels, son Norman, daughters Terry and Patty and youngsters, holidayed in Regina the first part of September. While there they attended the wedding of Marvis' brother, Milton, as well as the 80th birthday party for Dez's mother, Terese.

At the September regular meeting we learned that Lennart Petersson has been appointed Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for a four-year term.

Also at this meeting final approval was given to the transfer of Jim and Shirley Huffman's cottage and lease to Fae Doty. While we are sorry to lose Jim and Shirley from the neighbourhood, we welcome Fae, Lee and daughter Susan.

Douglas Rudy Sund and Kacey Lynn Boyd were married on Saturday, August 20th. Douglas is the son of Sonja Sund and Rudy Sund, and grandson of Astrid Winquist and Anna Sund. He was attended by his brother, Murray, as best man. Douglas' sister, Janine, and her husband Brian Newman, from Detroit made the trip here for the wedding. A family bridal shower for Kacey was held at the home of Gail Sullivan, sister of the groom.

Bert and Violet Watson are happy to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, Sarah Kimberley, born August 25th. A lovely daughter for Randy and Trudy Watson, and a sister for Marshall.

Our sympathy is extended to Matt Eliasson and family on the death of her father, Steven Litven, on September 6th. Mr. Litven had been battling cancer at the Royal Alex Hospital for some time.

Plans are well underway for the Smorgasbord at Vasa Park on October 4th. In the meantime, don't forget the next regular meeting which will be held at the Orange Hall in Edmonton on October 6th at 7:30 p.m. See you there.

Sons of Norway represented during Royal Visit

By Doreen Anderson

On June 2nd, 23 Sons of Norway members were invited to the luncheon, hosted by Camrose Lutheran College President, Rev. Glen and Mrs. Johnson, in honour of Crown Prince Harald and Princess Sonja. Those invited are pictured (with the exception of the Isaacsons and Thompsons). Also invited but unable to attend were Henry and Lois Venosasen, Millet.

Amongst the guests were three St. Olav Medal recipients: Doris Davey, Past President Valhalla Lodge, Calgary; Lillian Ofstad, Valhalla Lodge, Calgary, who works with visually impaired and handicapped skiers; and J. Edward Ness, Valhalla Lodge, Calgary, Past International Director and Past President of S/N Foundation International. Mr. Ness was also inducted into the 4H Hall of Fame. The St. Olav Medal is awarded to persons for outstanding achievements and keeping people informed about Norway. Both Mrs. Ofstad and Mr. Ness are serving on the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympic Committee.

Valborg Nyback, Paul and Hilda Gotaas are Life Members as well as Charter members of Ronning Lodge. Paul, a Western Canadian Cross-country ski jump champion, was also a Charter member of Tjere Viken Lodge, Camrose in 1927.

Invited to the Convocation ceremonies were lodge Presidents and their spouses from the 11 lodges in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Following Convocation, Everett and Karen Knudsvig, Kermit and Lillian Lilja, and Ross and Doreen Anderson had the privilege to be invited, along with the news media, for a few moments with their Royal Highnesses. It was during this time that Kermit Lilja, 4th District President, presented the Royal Couple with a Hudson Bay blanket on behalf of the S/N members invited to the luncheon. Everett Knudsvig, International Director, presented them with a small personal gift on behalf of Ross and Doreen Anderson.

On Sunday, June 1st, 36 friends

gathered at the home of Ross and Doreen Anderson for a BBQ and lots of visiting. Included were the 21 who were invited to the luncheon as well as C.L.C. President Glen and Mrs. Johnson, Shirley Isaacson, President of Hamar Lodge, Claresholm, and her husband Clarence, President Hans and Kay Espe, Ronning Lodge, Camrose, Axel and Peggy Jensen, Camrose, Field Staff Reps Sig Sorenson, Edmonton, Ralph Thompson, Lethbridge, and their spouses Selma and Wendy, and Joe and Klara Vass, Grande Prairie.

To conclude a memorable Royal Visit some 20 friends once again gathered at the Anderson home for more visiting and a light BBQ. We were very pleased that Rev. James and Joyce Rasmussen, and David and Elaine Taylor from the C.L.C. were able to join us.

We congratulate President Rev. Glen Johnson, faculty and staff of the C.L.C. for their past, present and future endeavours and best wishes in this, their "JUBILEE YEAR!"



Dignitaries and interested Norwegians from Sons of Norway lodges across North America gathered to see Prince Harald and Princess Sonia during their visit.

Front, left to right, are: Lynda Swanberg, Valborg Nyback, Gladys Clark, (Past President, Edmonton Lodge), Paul Gotaas, Hilda Gotaas, Doreen Anderson;

Middle: Clarence Isaacson, Shirley Isaacson, (President, Claresholm Lodge), Wendy Thompson, Karen Knudsvig, Lillian Ofstad, Doris Davey, Gail Peterson, Sonia Morgan, (District 4 Junior Director), Lillian Lilja, Lillian Ness, Roy Swanberg, (Vice President Sons of Norway Foundation, Canada), Ed Ness, Ross Anderson, (Area Manager, Canada);

Back: Emeth Clark, Ralph Thompson, Everett Knudsvig, (International Sons of Norway Director), Ted Ofstad, Doug Peterson and Kermit Lilja, (President, District 4 Sons of Norway).

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Year of Jubilee continued

held at the College in April and proved to be a most delightful event for College and community alike.

The "crowning event" to this year of celebration came on June 2 when Their Royal Highnesses, The Crown Prince Harald and Crown Princess Sonja of Norway, visited Camrose Lutheran College for five hours as part of a brief Western Canadian tour (Vancouver, Edmonton, Camrose).

Where to now? The next few years will be very significant for Camrose Lutheran College. A new library is to be built (the Chester Ronning Memorial

Crown Prince Harald and Princess Sonja of Norway visit Camrose Lutheran College on June 2, 1986.



Photo by Lyseng Studio.

Library), a Faith and Life Centre will be put in place (containing chapel, bookstore, coffee shop, recreational facilities, etc.), and additional residences will be constructed. The degree program will be enhanced and several new faculty members will be added to the staff.

The future is bright for schools like Camrose Lutheran College in Western Canada -and the College, while basking in the growth of 75 years of achievement, is also looking ahead with faith and determination to live up to its goal in the years ahead - to provide quality education within the context of the Christian faith!

Rev. Jim Rasmussen



The Viking ship built by the college as a project of the 75th Anniversary was launched on May 25th, and with CLC's four intrepid Vikings travelled the province this summer. Photo by Lyseng Studio.



Four generations: Ruth Wibe, Tove Kingshott, June Ellen Ness, Nina Kathrine, Candace Nichole and Nicholas John Ness.

Finnish Footnotes

By Anja Sahuri

Camp at Fork Lake

During a Labour Day weekend we held a "bush party" at Fork Lake which was a combination work weekend and celebration of work already completed at the Finnish Camp.

First - workwise - the other eight-foot hole for the "outhouse" was completed, and the temporary gate was put in place, lots of gravel was spread around with the help of Pentti's wheelbarrow, some more bush was cleared around the camping area and some beach was cleared as well. We now have a fish-cleaning table (donated by J. Sahuri) and a bench at the beach (made by A. Ruuth) to watch the beautiful sunsets from. Mr. and Mrs. S. Flinkfelt brought a picnic table with a promise of another one later on.

The evenings were spent socializing and listening to good Finnish music at the camp-fire.

"Kalasoppa" for everybody was made by Anneli Thurlin and the ladies served "harjakais" coffee to all who worked so hard digging during the weekend.

During the following week John Sahuri and Aarvo Ruuth took down the porch part of our house to be moved to the site, and later Pentti Sipari and Aarre Wahlberg joined them. The wood was then moved by dump truck to the camp, thanks again to the Kumpula's. The floor was saved whole and moved to the site for a future "dance floor".

There is always something going on at the camp. During many weekends there has also been a portable tent sauna which has been enjoyed by many, and what is more refreshing than jumping into clean fresh water from a hot sauna.

Again we want to thank everyone for participating in the events and working towards our mutual future enjoyment at Finnish Camp.

70th Birthday of Arvo Ruuth

On August 16th there was a big

celebration as Arvo Ruuth's 70th birthday was approaching.

People from as far as Finland came to wish him Happy Days ahead. There was Arvi Lopenen, Aarvo's friend from the war-time; Eeva Taskinen, Toini's aunt; and Toini's brother-in-law, Tauno Jokinen with his daughter Outi and his friend Markus Telanne - all from Finland. As well, Jukka Nupponen, a former Edmontonian from Vancouver attended.

Aarvo's many friends got together and presented him with a chair on which to lean back and relax while remembering all the fun we had that night.

Sirkka Wahlberg introduced the out-of-town guests and presented flowers on behalf of all those attending.

Arvi Lopenen brought greetings from Finland and from all of Aarvo's war-time buddies, and presented him with an honorary medal from the Finnish Army.

The food and coffee were delicious and sing-songs and dancing later topped the evening for all.

Tauno Jokinen took all this in with his video camera and friends in Finland can be part of the celebration later on by watching.

Happy birthday to you, Aarvo, and we hope that you will have Many Happy Days in your future.



Aarvo Ruuth

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Danish Canadian Friendship Club of Edmonton

As many of you already know, Agnes Jelhof Jensen has for some time been teaching Danish at Bonnie Doon High School and we are pleased to announce that the Danish classes will start again this fall at Bonnie Doone High School - Room 228.

Beginners start Wednesday,

September 24.

Level 2 starts Tuesday, September 23

Level 3 starts Thursday, September 25

(all courses run for 12 weeks)

7:00 p.m. to 9:05 p.m.

If you want to learn to speak Danish, to understand it and to comprehend the humour, the history and the recipes of Denmark, come, and have fun at the same time. Each course will have room for two Senior Citizens, who can attend free of charge. All courses are taught by Agnes Jelhof Jensen.

Phone Continuing Education 426-3280 for further information and registration. Limited number of students in each class. First come, first served.

Report of our Participation in Heritage Days

Birte Krogh was in charge of the food and Kai Lynge in charge of the tent. We want to thank you two for a very excellent job. If you could see the work involved in planning, purchasing, etc. to keep all activities running smoothly, you would agree it is no mean task. But, as Birte says, "it's fun", so how about next year volunteering a few hours of your time to have some fun participating. This year you would have helped distribute, starting at 9 a.m., 1,000 cups of coffee, 3,500 pieces of Danish pastry, 2,000 rum and kranse kage, 1,900 flodeboller, 2,500 packages of lefse. Thanks go to the food tent help: Agnes Jelhof Jensen, Birgit Langhammer, Gitte Krogh, Lis Lynge, Jette and Ole Hansen, Helene Nielsen. A special thanks to Tina Hansen and Gary Larsen, who volunteered their time for both days and were ready and available to fill in wherever needed.

Next door to the food tent was an impressive display of Scandinavian Handicrafts, and in the Danish Section, we wish to thank Birgit Wildenhoff and Lisi Jensen for their beautiful display of straw weaving and for being out there for two full days displaying their craft.

The same goes for Susanna Balslov, our faithful potter who has spent many an hour displaying her skills at pottery. Thank you so much. We also wish to thank Dantrade for providing us with the display stand.

New Members

We welcome Lis Riveros who has just joined the Club.

Meet Your Fellow members

In order for all of us to become better acquainted, we will introduce someone new to you in each newsletter. This time we have picked Birgit Langhammer, whom you will have met when she spoke to us on the history of Danes in Alberta.

Birgit recently came to the west from Hamilton, Ontario, and has been an active member almost all the time. She has served as our Secretary but will be stepping out of office, but fortunately will remain our historian.

"I was born in Bagsvaerd and grew up in and around Copenhagen. I went to elementary and intermediate school in Vanlose and to gymnasium in Hellerup. My greatest wish was always to travel and the first opportunity that presented itself was with the American Army in Germany after the War. I worked for a year as a translator in Munich, saw a lot of southern Germany, and met my husband, Paul, there.

In 1948, I went to London, England, married and had two children, Ingrid and Richard. By 1954 we decided to emigrate to Canada. We settled in Hamilton, Ontario, where we stayed for nearly 30 years. By the time the children were both in school I was ready to look at a career for myself. I attended Hamilton Teacher's College, but decided that teaching was not for me. Since I had trained as a librarian in Denmark, I decided to go back to my old profession. While working in the Hamilton Public Library, I attended McMaster University, obtaining my BA, then University of Toronto where I got an MLS in Library Science.

In 1967 I went to the Hamilton Board of Education as Chief Librarian of the Professional Library. I stayed until my retirement in 1983, when I moved to Alberta to be with my children who were

both living here. I have travelled to many parts of the world, and hope to be able to do so for many years to come."

BE SEEING YOU AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Bring prospective new members and get them interested in our club. We'll give you a resume of what we have done in the past year and what we have already planned for the coming year.

ERIK NIELSEN

DESIGNATED AS PRESIDENT OF ANSGAR VILLA FOUNDATION

At the last meeting of the Ansgar Villa Board, Pastor Madsen announced that Erik Nielsen (St. Albert) had been designated as the President of Ansgar Villa Foundation. Erik will act in this capacity until Ansgar Church receives a full-time pastor again.

This designation is in harmony with the Constitution of Ansgar Villa Foundation that read as follows:

"The President (of the Foundation) shall be the Pastor of Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church or his designatee."

Erik is no stranger to Ansgar Villa Foundation. He was an active member of the Foundation Board during the design and the planning stages of the Villa, and spent many hours scrutinizing blueprints and specifications. Thanks Erik for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

CURLING TO COMMENCE MID-OCTOBER

Keith Moore is the President and organizer of this year's curling. A meeting of interested curlers met in his apartment late in September to note interest and form rinks.

Curling was to start October 10th but because it is the Thanksgiving holiday, it had to be postponed. This season, curling will again be at the Balmoral Curling Club on Friday evenings. It is hoped that there will be lots of interest. Please participate by calling Keith Moore at 426-2672 or Al Letendre at 476-1683, and if all else fails, call the Sports Director, Peter Finstad, at 458-3390.



Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 5, kl 11 -

Dansk med Altergang
HOSTFEST

October 12, 11 am -

English with Communion
HARVEST FESTIVAL

Wednesday, 1st October - 1 pm.

Ladies Aid meets

Tuesday, 7th October - 7:30 pm.

Church Board meets.

REGARDING NEW PASTOR

There is positive news to share regarding a new pastor for Ansgar Church. Your church Board has unanimously voted to constitute Pastor Liselotte Basboll of Calgary as pastor of Ansgar for a 3 month period. (This action has the approval of DKU). The Board felt that it was more desirable to have a regular pastor rather than having different pastors fill in each Sunday. And we are never sure that we can secure a pastor whenever the need arises.

We can now plan on having regular Sunday Services and confirmation classes, as well as having someone to take care of pastoral acts, and do some visitation. We are looking forward to beginning this new arrangement on September 1, and we trust that it will prove to be satisfactory.

On behalf of the Church Board,
Kris Kristensen.

DURING PASTORAL VACANCY - PLEASE NOTE:

1. Answering service machine will be hooked up to Church phone number -422-8777. You may leave your message, and a response will be made.
2. Pastoral acts; baptisms, weddings, etc., may be arranged by calling; Kris K. - 986-2063; Ras R. -469-3725; Nick K. - 464-7696; or Kaj N. - 922-2407. CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION should also be booked to the above.
3. Pastor's office phone number 464-7762 will be cancelled at the end of August.
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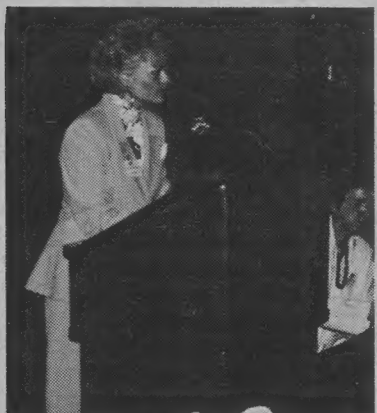
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DANISH CANADIAN CONFERENCE on YOUTH

How can we get young people involved? That was the theme of the fifth national Danish Canadian Conference, held by the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada, at Valhalla Inn in Toronto on May 30 - June 1, 1986.

Dr Lillian Ma, past president of the Chinese Canadian National Council, began the Youth Session Saturday morning by talking about her experiences in her own community. Afterwards four young people: Ena Holtermann, Bettina Bourgeois, Lene Sondergaard and Tamara Suganisi, were given the floor. There were many questions and comments about their presentations. And everybody was impressed by the speeches of the four young people, who spoke eloquently and with passion. The moderator of the Youth Session was Pastor Emilie Esbjorn of the Danish Lutheran Church



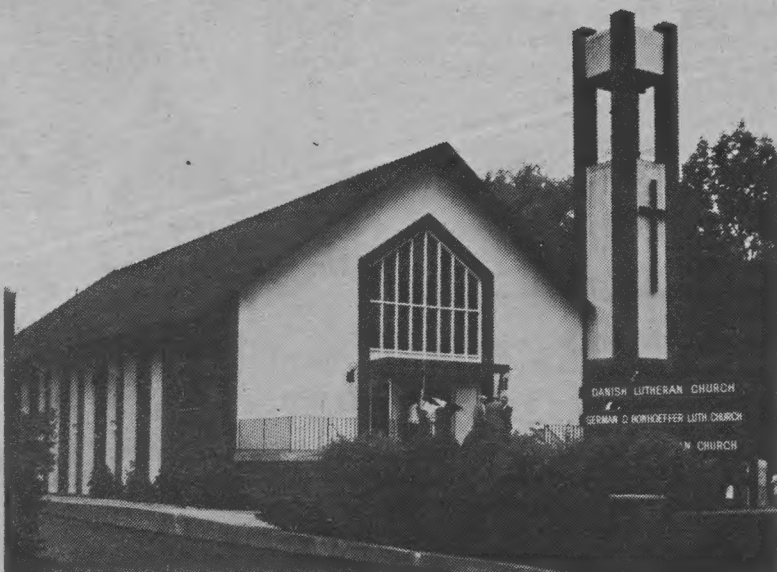
20-year old Ena Holtermann, Kingston, spoke eloquently and forcefully about getting Danish Canadian youth involved in Danish organizations.

in Toronto, who unfortunately had to cut the discussion short, due to lunch.

To find out why, or indeed why not, young people are involved in Danish organizations in Canada, a national Essay Contest had been held in the Spring. The winner of the Essay Contest was Bettina Bourgeois, who won a trip to the Conference. Bettina Bourgeois had, in fact, been elected to the Board of Directors of the Danish Canadian Society in Montreal just a couple of months before the Conference.

All the submitted Essays were printed in the 150 page Conference Booklet. Edited by Eva Terp, the Conference Booklet contains articles, photographs, histories, reports, greetings and many other interesting items. Copies of the Booklet, costing ten dollars each, are still available from Mrs. Esther Machacynski, 16 Campbell Crescent, Kingston, Ontario K7M 1Z5, (613) 542-8876.

Over 60 people from across Canada participated in the Conference. Moreover, from Denmark came Gunnar Kristensen, president of Scandinavian Canadian Friendship Association; Arne Dyhrberg, consultant for Dansk Samvirke; as well as actress Anne Jensen, who just toured Canada, visiting New Denmark, Toronto,



Sunday breakfast was served in the Danish Lutheran Church on Finch Avenue West, Toronto.

Winnipeg and Vancouver, telling Canadians and Danish-Canadians about Hans Christian Andersen, and reading some of his fairytales.

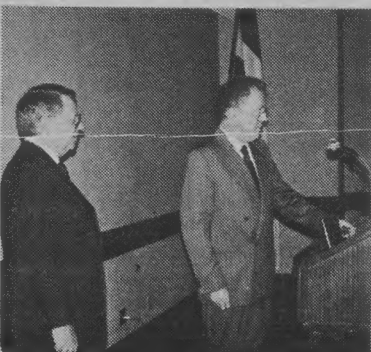
The Conference began Friday evening with Registration of the delegates, for which Karen Olsen, the treasurer of the Church, was responsible. Erik Thomsen, president of the Ontario Region bid everybody welcome, and then gave the floor to the hosts of the Conference: Ole Jensen, president of the Danish Lutheran Church, Toronto; Bent Hansen, president of Sunset Villa; and Jorgen Birk Andersen, who just recently stepped down as president of The Royal Danish Guards' Association, Eastern Canada.

The president of the Danish Church Council in Vancouver, Poul B. Christensen, was elected Conference Chairman. Since Friday evening was a business session, the annual report and the financial statement were presented, and reports were given on King Christian X Jubilee Foundation of 1937, and on the Folk School Course for Canadians at The International College in Helsingor. Esther Thesberg then told the delegates about the planned

National Danish Museum in Dickson, Alberta.

The business session was followed by a social get-together where the participants could renew old friendships and make new ones. Many of the delegates had not seen each other since last year's Conference in New Denmark.

The official Conference Photograph was taken after the Youth Session Saturday morning in the Valhalla Garden. The luncheon speaker was the



Consul General Erling Harild Nielsen, Toronto, bestows upon Consul Donn Larsen the prestigious Ridder af Dannebrog.

Hon. Lily Munro, Ontario Minister for Citizenship and Culture, who told the delegates about her Ministry's many activities in Ontario.

After lunch, each member organization gave a brief report on their Historian's activities. Last year in New Denmark it had been decided that each organization would appoint a Historian, since there is an urgent need to preserve archival material. Similarly, there is a pressing need to start writing the history of the Danes in Canada.

Fundraising was on the agenda again this year, and Margaret Dvorsky, president of the Slovak Canadian National Council, gave an excellent talk on fundraising, offering many good ideas. As well, Erik Thomsen gave a report on fundraising, and advised that the Danish Federation had been given a grant from the Secretary of State for Multiculturalism.

Elections were then held, Rolf Buschardt Christensen, Martha Larsen and Esther Machacynski being re-elected as respectively president, secretary and treasurer. Svend Pedersen was again appointed auditor. This was followed by a couple of

proposals to change the Federation's bylaws.

At the Banquet Saturday evening, the Guest Speaker was Consul General Erling Harild Nielsen, Toronto. The Consul General also bestowed upon Consul Donn Larsen, Edmonton, the prestigious Ridder af Dannebrog. Consul Donn Larsen, who is Honorary Director of the Danish Federation, has over the years contributed much to the Danish community in Canada.

The three new member organizations, The Danish Heritage Society of Dickson, Scandinavian Forum and Dansk Samvirke, were then presented with their membership certificates. Moreover, the airplane ticket, donated by Scandinavian Airlines, was drawn by SAS manager, K.A. Arvidsson. The lottery for the ticket provided the Federation with a neat sum, and the lucky winner of the trip to Copenhagen/return was Anne Andersen, Kilbride, Ontario.

Sunday morning the bus left Valhalla Inn at 8:30, for breakfast at the Danish Church on Finch Avenue West. After a hearty breakfast, it was decided that the theme of next year's Conference will be

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Conference on Youth continued



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"Our Roots", as that would be a most suitable topic for a Conference held in Denmark. The Kolding Conference will be held at Koldinghus Castle on June 30 - July 3, 1987, in connection with a Canada Day celebration and parade.

After the Church Service by Pastor Emilie Esbjorn, the big bus left for

Sunset Villa, approximately 85 km west of Toronto. Here a beautiful lunch was served on the terrace of Sunset Villa. At the lunch, Ole Larsen, Montreal, presented the Royal Danish Guards' Association with a large framed photograph of King Christian X on horseback. Gunnar Kristensen

presented gifts to both the Danish Lutheran Church and to Sunset Villa.

Hundreds of Danes turned out for the Danish Constitution Day celebration at Sunset Villa. As usual, there was a program on the big lawn, where the Guest Speaker was Mr. William Kemping, M.P. for Burlington.

The Constitution Day celebration terminated a long but very successful Conference. All the delegates left the Conference enthused and inspired - and with a loud "see you in Kolding next year!"



Connie and William Chabaniuk.

and Kelowna, B.C.; Red Deer and Innisfail.

The bride and groom spent their honeymoon at the Coast. On return, Willie started his Paramedic course; Connie at the new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

CHABANIUK — BERG S/N Queen 1981-1985

By Bob Burt

The beautiful double-ring wedding service of Constance Anna, daughter of Allan and Eva Berg, to William Wade, son of Mike Chabaniuk and Marge Hansen, was solemnized at 3 o'clock in Ebenezer United Church, August 9, 1986.

The bride was resplendent in a full-length, high-necked, satin polyester, white gown. Her white tulle bodice was appliqued with sequins and beads, trimmed with lace. The six-foot veil trailed from a petite white hat, bedecked with tiny flowers. She wore a single strand of pearls, and carried a beautiful bridal bouquet. She was given in marriage by her mother and her father. Rev. Gerry de Vries performed the ceremony.

The Maid of Honour was Elaine Beleboka, together with Corrine and Carmen Berg, sisters of the bride. They each wore matching royal blue, full-length, long-sleeved gowns of polyester satin with matching shoes. Each wore a petite navy blue hat matching the bride's, and a string of pearls. They carried fresh cut bouquets.

The three flower girls, triplets Heidi, Jennifer and Christa Andre, nieces of the Groom, were picture perfect. They each wore 'Little Bow Peep' style white pinafores, trimmed with blue, under which they wore ruffled white pants.

talons to the ankles, with blue ribbons. They carried baskets of blue and white flowers.

The groom was supported by his best man, Wayne Petherbridge, together with groomsmen, Harry Vissher and Gary Ferchass.

The candle service was unique with 120 tapers lit by 4 candle lighters.

While the couple were signing the register, Gwen Stover sang and Lore Lei Steeves accompanied her. Both girls were classmates of the bride. Gwen rendered "My Treasure", "Friends" and "This is the Day".

Following the ceremony, the wedding party was driven in a 1927 Model Ford to the Parliament Buildings for pictures.

The reception was held at the Elk's Hall in Spruce Grove. Over 250 guests were present at the Norwegian motif setting. A Norwegian wedding cake graced the head table; Wedding Spoons carved by Harry Huser were used. A pair of Norwegian Candlesticks flanked the cake; wedding lapel and hair ribbons of red, white and blue added colour at the head table.

Cynthia Folkens, sister of the bride, was Mistress of Ceremonies for this most colourful festive occasion.

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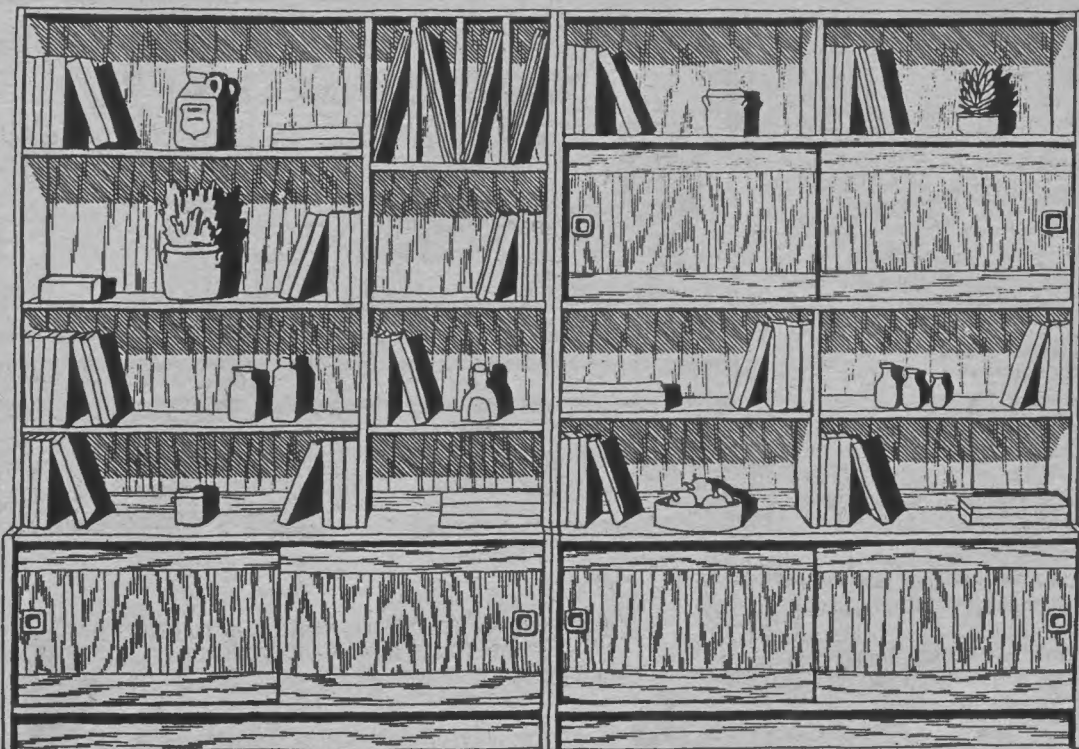
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Bear Valleys Folk Dancers Sweden

This group arrived in Vancouver in time to celebrate midsummer with the Scandinavian Community and several performances at Expo '86. Thirty-four performers, nine musicians and three assistants arrived in Edmonton after a tour through the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

June 28, the group performed thirteen numbers before 1000 shoppers at West Edmonton Mall where



IKEA Limited was their host and provided a luncheon. June 29, Sunday, the group attended church service at Augustana Lutheran Church. They marched into the church accompanied by the musical members and sang two hymns. Following the service the folkdancers performed for half an hour in the Church Community Hall for about 200 people and were served a luncheon.

In the afternoon the group travelled to Vasa Park at Pigeon Lake where they were introduced to Canada Day celebrations. Skandia Lodge No. 549 sponsored this event. Canadian and Swedish flags were in abundance as the bus arrived at the Park. Canadian flags preceded the parade of young children riding their decorated bicycles which was to recognize the Canada Day theme - World in Motion, World in Touch. Cultural Leader Verna Larson reviewed the background and involvement of Canada Day. She also provided the Swedish translation so that

each of the tour members would know about our special day. She spoke of the different travel modes for pioneers versus today's speedier methods.

Three birthday cakes were available to all the 300 visitors at Vasa Park - decorated with a Canada flag, Swedish flag and one with greetings to the Bear Valley Folk Dancers complete with their Hambo dancing bears logo. Honours to cut the cakes were given to Mrs. Astrid Winquist, pioneer at Vasa Park and Nils-Erik Ostlund, Alvdalen, Sweden who was celebrating his 60th birthday on that day.

Following the extensive program of folk dances, all members of the group

invited spectators to join them on the dance floor. An evening meal was provided before the folk dancers left Vasa Park.

July 1 - Canada's Birthday -Edmontonians were able to see the Bear Valley Folk Dancers twice more. Following the awarding of citizenship to 55 persons, they performed for a half hour at the Legislative grounds for an audience of some 5,000. Later in the evening another 5,000 gave a standing ovation for their performance at the Convention Centre sponsored by the Edmonton Folk Arts Council.

A video production was completed which includes some of the events surrounding the Edmonton tour. Lars G. Fahlstrom, Royal Swedish Consulate and Linnea Lodge of Skandia Lodge No. 549 co-ordinated the events.

Financial assistance from the Alberta Cultural Heritage Foundation and the Alberta Canada Day Committee is gratefully acknowledged.

July 2 the tour left for a week in Winnipeg and later personal visits with friends and relatives throughout U.S.A. and Canada. Bon Voyage.



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Registration fees are as follows:

Workshop, dinner and dance: \$38.00;

Workshop only: \$28.00;

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Vasa Order of America meets in New York

By Mrs. Linnea Lodge
Grand Lodge Cultural Director for U.S.A. and Canada

The 31st Convention of the Grand Lodge of the Vasa Order of America opened on July 5th for a week at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown, NY, hosted by New York District No. 4 under the leadership of Eugene Geffken, Convention Chairman. Opening ceremonies included presentation of colours, introduction of Grand Lodge Officers and Appointed Officers assisted by two Drill Teams from Thule Lodge No. 127 of Jamestown, NY. This group also brought their Dala Horse to welcome the Delegates and Visitors.

Delegates from U.S.A., Canada and Sweden represented the 35,000 members of the fraternal organization which encourages the promotion of tradition and culture from Sweden and maintains a friendship with the 50 Lodges in Sweden.

Greetings were received from President Ronald Reagan, King Carl XVI Gustaf and Silvia of Sweden and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. Congressman Stanley Lundin of Jamestown, NY brought greetings to the assembly on the opening of session.

Throughout the Vasa organization the 90th Anniversary has been celebrated in many ways during the past year but most notable in New York was the presentation by the Swedish delegation of a leather scroll representing the kind of messages sent from tribe to tribe by the Vikings.

Grand Master Alice L. Carlson of Massachusetts presided at all sessions. One hundred and nine motions were examined and studied before final decisions were made. Some motions were similar from throughout the Vasa network indicating their concern of declining membership and suggestions for solutions of this problem.

Roy Nelson, Carl Fredrickson of Illinois and Karl O. Kristenson, Massachusetts received Honorary Life Membership in the Grand Lodge which entitles them to voice and vote. They have made great contributions to the Order.

Bertil Winstrom, Past Grand Master and President of the Vasa Archives in Bishop Hill, Illinois presented a comprehensive report of the advancement in the archive for the past term. The Archive Building was dedicated in 1974 and now has grown to include microfilming of Lodge

records. In recognition of the 10th Anniversary, an Endowment fund was organized. Bishop Hill began in 1846 when Eric Jansson and a large group of followers immigrated to the United States in search of religious freedom. They named the area from their home parish Biskopskulla in Uppland, Sweden. The Vasa Order of America Archives is now located within the Bishop Hill Colony District National Historic Landmark.

During the week three seminars were included:

PRESS conducted by Charlotte Greenstein, Editor of the Vasa Star magazine which informed reporters and correspondents in preparing material for print, how to gather news, how to write articles and stress the importance of publication dates.

MEMBERSHIP was chaired by George Nord assisted by other elected Officers and Delegates, which portrayed what Vasa has to offer, how to conduct a Membership campaign and how to start a new Lodge.

CULTURAL - My presentation included several displays of pictures, print material, Swedish newspapers and copies of oil paintings which were commissioned for the Per Anger visit to Edmonton recognizing the efforts of Raoul Wallenberg during his days in Hungary. I invited four fellow Appointed Grand Lodge Officers to take part in a panel fielding questions from members of the audience of 150. Roy Lindquist, Publicity Director, New Jersey; Stig Johansson, Film Director, California; Ellen Bergstone, Language Director, California; Einar Jagemar, Cultural Director for Sweden, each of whom explained the work in their various fields.

Lilli Jalbing, District Cultural Leader of Illinois District No. 8, described how she handled her position in relation to her responsibility for 32 Local Lodges. Grand Lodge Executive Board Members, Eric G. Johnson, California and H. Lloyd Eriksson, Alberta, had prepared a slide presentation of the

Vasa Archives and Bishop Hill. The Heritage Language Curriculum Guide developed by Dr. L. Joan Boyer from the University of Saskatchewan was introduced. It is a 250-page methodology which can be used to teach any language to children and is designed for use outside the regular school program. The Swedish Information Service and the Swedish Consulate General in New York City provided a film, Suecia Nova and numerous booklets for distribution.

Many receptions and tours were available during the free time of Delegates and more so for Visitors who were not committed to attend sessions.

July 3 Grand Lodge Officers and Delegates from Sweden were welcomed to New York City by Skandia Lodge No. 399 on the roof of the Church of Sweden in Manhattan. A display of Kosta Boda Glassware and strains of music were part of this warm summer evening. Later a dinner was served in the John Ericsson Room, part of the new renovations. Those at the Marriott Hotel were able to follow Operation Sail Assembly on the East River and the International Naval Review Assembly on the Hudson River.

July 4 Harbour Festival Fair and Unveiling of the Statue of Liberty, Operation Sail from Verrazano Bridge up the Hudson River to Liberty State Park and the American Music Spectacular were part of this special day for Americans. Because we had just celebrated Canada Day before going to New York we shared in their joy for the events surrounding the rededication of the Statue which now celebrated 100 years. No space was available for such a large group of conventioners to view the fireworks for the evening program on this Liberty Weekend. Therefore the next best alternative was an informal indoor picnic in the Grand Ballroom. Hotdogs, hamburgers and corn on the cob were featured while we watched the proceedings on a giant screen.

Among the 86 persons who received

the Mayor's Liberty Awards in a ceremony at Battery Park were Karl G. Andren born on Aland Islands, President of Circle Line Sightseeing Yachts; Peter Martens of Denmark, Ballet Master of New York City Ballet; Liv Ullman, actress from Norway; Claes Oldenburg, artist and sculptor of Swedish birth.

July 5 Welcome reception included dancing to the Staten Island Stage Band of 25 members under the direction of Louis Detaranto, music supervisor, Board of Education, City of New York, which provided a Glen Miller sound of the forties.

July 6 Church service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Manhattan with special guest speaker Evert M. Olson, retired pastor of the Church of Sweden in New York and Chaplain of Skandia Lodge No. 399.

The trip to the United Nations Headquarters made us more aware of the many programs. It is composed of four buildings - the low domed General Assembly building with its vaulted meeting hall; the 39 storey glass and marble Secretariat tower; the low rectangular Conference building along the East River and the Dag Hammarskjold Library on the south west corner of the site. The Library dedicated in 1961 was a gift from the Ford Foundation at a cost of \$6.7 million. The headquarters site is international territory therefore it has its own Postal System but mail must be posted within the system while using their postage.

The General Assembly uses 6 official languages - Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

The Security Council has 15 members, five are permanent - China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States. The other ten are elected by the General Assembly for two-year terms. This group will meet at any time peace is threatened. The Chamber was furnished by Norway and designed by the Norwegian artist Arnstein Arneberg.

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The Trusteeship Council supervises the administration of Trust Territories which were placed under the International Trusteeship System. The Chamber was designed by Finn Juhl of Denmark. Henrik Starcke of Denmark carved in teak a young woman with arms upraised symbolizing mankind and hope. Most of the furnishings were provided by Denmark.

The Secretariat serves the other organs of the United Nations and administers the programmes or policies laid down by them. The first Secretary-General of the United Nations was Trygve Lie of Norway who served until 1953; Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden served from 1956 until his death in a plane crash in Africa in 1961. Two others have followed these two Scandinavians.

Many countries have provided beautiful gifts throughout the buildings and outside as well.

Lunch at the Automat was a fun thing. The original Horn and Hardast cafeteria, with window machines where quarters were at one time required but now use tokens, is the last of its kind in New York.

Sunday afternoon saw us all leave Pier 83 on South Street Seaport on a Circle Line boat especially reserved for our group. It travelled up and down the Hudson River and we were able to get a good view of the New York skyline. Several of the tall ships were still along this location.

July 8 Visitors made trips to the World Trade Centre, twin towers of 110 storeys each which have an observation deck on the 107th floor where luncheon was served. Brooklyn Botanical Garden is a 50-acre site of many gardens including a Garden of Fragrance for the Blind. Metropolitan Museum of Art included many varying art forms and antiquities, sculptures and ancient glass.

July 9 At Battery Park a John Ericsson Monument is located close to where we caught the ferry boat to Liberty Island. The Statue of Liberty is 151 feet high and sits on a pedestal of 156 feet. We were able to walk about the island and also visit the American Museum of Immigration.

Lunch was served at Solhem - the Swedish Rest Home on Staten Island followed by tours about the buildings and grounds.

West Point has a population of 8,100 and is the location of the United States Military Academy. There are many churches on the grounds but the Cadet Chapel has some especially beautiful

stained glass windows. The church organ contains more than 18,000 pipes.

July 11 The Grand Banquet recognized the 90th year of Vasa and Walter Erikson's Orchestra was featured. The Swedish Folkdancers of New York, after successful performances for the Liberty Weekend, entertained at this function.

The newly elected Officers were introduced:

Grand Master: Carl G. Lindquist, Woodland Hills, California
Vice Grand Master: George A. Nord, Hopatcong, New Jersey
Grand Secretary: Gladys A. Birtwhistle, Cranston, Rhode Island
Vice Grand Secretary: Cynthia B. Erikson, Issaquah, Washington
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Sweden: Margareta Ekenstam, Sollentuna, Sweden

The next Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Burlingame, California in 1990. Members from Alberta attending this Convention were: H. Lloyd Eriksson, GLEBM, and Virginia; Bert Johnson, GLD, and Hilda (all from Calgary); Andrew Alm, DN and Delegate, and Anne (from Coaldale); Lennart Petersson, PDM, and Joan; Linnea Lodge, GLCD, and Evelyn Johnson (all from Edmonton).

10th Anniversary HERITAGE FESTIVAL

By Anny Marie and Asbjorn Woldmo

In 1976 "Heritage Day" was transformed into the Heritage Festival and the Heritage Festival Association was conceived in December that year. Hawrelak Park became its home.

Ten years later, in 1986, the individual ethnic community pavilions had grown from 12 to 44, with an attendance explosion from 20,000 to 350,000 visitors, all taking in the cultural heritages with emphasis on arts and crafts, food, costume, national dress and certain aspects of song and dance. All of this is neatly shared by all the ethnic groups brought together in Hawrelak Park.

This sharing was again outstanding within the large tents, and within the Scandinavian Heritage Society of Edmonton, which received recognition in the form of "Honorary Mention". Entertainment, food and cultural displays from Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Finland and Denmark were at their very best, fitting for the 10th Anniversary.

FOOD

A steady stream of people kept coming to the food tent to enjoy the Kringle, Vinertarte, Flodeboller, Lefse, Kransekake and Romkake, (no wonder the Vikings were such great conquerors). No one left the food tent on an empty stomach. They had already lost their hearts to the Nordic Alliance of 'blue eyes' and 'bright smiles' stacking

up their trays with amiable efficiency. Food supplied was more than doubled and everything was sold. Profits after expenses will be set aside for future use.

No doubt, the very warm and sunny weather which blessed the two days helped in moving the ocean of soft drinks and all the good foods.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Freeloaders provided entertainment on both days, and people grouped around them, laughing, cheering and

applauding. The hearty tunes of Scandinavia carried far, and kept drawing people toward the "Big Tent".

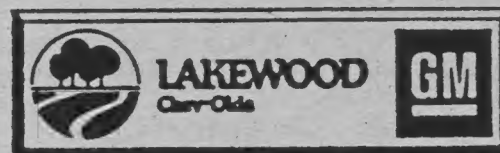
The Valhalla Scandinavian Folk Dancers put on a grand show as well. Strangely, they did not melt away in the hot sun, but they certainly melted the hearts of everyone watching. Many questions were asked about their 'bunads' and dances, and the crowds kept coming.

The "Vikings", right out of Snorre Sturlason's "Heimskringla", were all tall

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Jim Nelson, Professor in Scandinavian Languages at the Camrose Lutheran College, entertained with his Scandinavian and American Folk Songs.

ARTS, CRAFTS and CUTURAL DISPLAY

Sverige - Verna Larson

The Swedish display featured, among others, the bobbin-lace-making by Sandra Petersson, an excellent demonstration. Also displayed were dolls in colourful costumes from the various provinces of Sweden.

A modern Sweden of today still retains many of her old traditions. The costumes of the past in all their splendour are worn at special events when dancers follow the fiddle music of the days of old.

Norge - Anny Marie Woldmo

The 'Land of the Midnight Sun' and Oil Exploration, displayed hand-knitted sweaters from various parts of the country, mittens and toques for large and small. The old traditional, as well as modern, patterns were all admired, together with the Rosemaling, pewter, wood carving, trolls and bunads.

Many of the elderly visitors could not take their eyes off the very popular Hardangersom, mastered for hundreds of years in Norway.

Island - Brad Gerrard

ICELAND, known for its diverse geographical landscape and rugged environment, had a varied display this year. There were pictures of the Icelandic landscape and prints of the settlements here in Canada. 'Stephansson House' near Markerville, items compliments of Alberta Culture; and a display of various hand-made items. Among the hand-made goods were Lopiwool sweaters, gloves and winter sets, compliments of Lara and Chris Hale and Gudrun Hansen; Icelandic dolls, flags, coins and Icelandic dragon



The Valhalla Dancers.

The Pavilion - pictured are Ken Domlier and Pentti Sipari.



pins, highlighted the country's identity. **Suomi** - Judy Van Es

FINLAND, the land of 1,000 lakes, was depicted in a great poster display. The Finnish 'Sauna' was first introduced to the North American Continent in the early part of the 16th century by the Finnish immigrants; it has played a part in Finnish history for perhaps 2,000 years. Such a firmly established social custom would indicate that this type of bathing was indeed born in Finland.

The 4.9 million population of Finland enjoy a suana weekly or semi-weekly in more than 500,000 saunas throughout the country. Bath mats and towels are made from flax for use in the saunas.

Denmark - Birgit Wildenhoff

A modern art show from Denmark's Holmegard Glass was a display to remember. The porcelain painting was done by famous painter, Bjorn Wiinglid.

Art from Greenland and posters from both Greenland and Old Denmark were equally well displayed.

Susanne Balslov again demonstrated her beautiful art of Pottery, an ever popular event.

THE PEOPLE

The givers, the organizers and their helpers, all earned their recognition. This small group worked together in a manner that the United Nations would have wanted to match. They left many lasting impressions.

The receivers, the visitors from all over Canada, and from many other countries, recognized all this by saying so. They found traditions they had almost forgotten, and said so in open admiration and loving appreciation.

The people will carry the future of Canada by bringing along the past with the present, in harmony. It flows like music, like life, like Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Finland and Denmark, together as one.

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